

## CLAIMS

1. A bowling establishment apparatus for sending bowling scoring information associated with identification information to an internet-accessible data base comprising:

a user interface, having an input and an output, said input adapted to receive identification information associated with an individual bowler;

a pin setter data generator, having an input communicating with the output of said user interface, which automatically ascertains bowler scoring information associated with an individual bowler;

an internet-accessible computer, adapted to automatically receive at least a version of some of said bowler scoring information associated with an individual bowler, and send at least a version of some of said bowling scoring information via the internet to said internet accessible data base, whereby at least a version of some of said bowling scoring information is sent to said data base without having been manually input into said computer.

2. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein said computer receives said bowling scoring information for a multiplicity of games associated with an individual bowler from which bowling game scoring information can be ascertained.

3. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein said computer receives said bowling scoring information for a multiplicity of individual bowlers comprising a bowling team from which bowling team scoring information can be ascertained.

4. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein said computer receives said bowling scoring information for a multiplicity of bowling teams comprising a bowling league from which bowling league scoring information can be ascertained.

5. The apparatus defined in claim 1 wherein said bowling scoring information received by said computer can be used to ascertain bowling game scoring information, bowling team information and bowling league information, and at least a version of some of said bowling game scoring information, bowling team information or bowling league information can be passed to said internet-accessible data base and converted into bowling statistics, whereby bowling statistics pertaining to individual, team and league performance can be accessed via the internet.

6. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said pin setter data generator comprises a plurality of automatic pin setters each associated with different bowling lanes in said bowling establishment, each of said pin setters automatically ascertaining bowling scoring information for the bowlers who are bowling on respective ones of said different bowling lanes.

7. The apparatus recited in claim 6, wherein said bowling scoring information for said bowlers who are bowling on respective ones of said different bowling lanes is simultaneously passed to said computer.

8. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said computer is programmed to automatically format said bowling scoring information received from said pin setter data generator, and automatically pass said formatted bowling scoring information to said data base.

9. The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein said formatted bowling scoring information can be utilized to generate individual, team and league bowling statistics.

10. The apparatus recited in claim 9 further includes a server comprising a computer-managed web site in communication with said internet-accessible data base for receiving said bowling scoring information therefrom, and wherein said computer-managed web site is arranged so that said

individual, team and league bowling statistics can be put on said web site and obtained via the internet.

11. The apparatus defined in claim 1 wherein at least version of some of said bowling information associated with an individual bowler is also automatically sent to said data base.

12. The apparatus defined in claim 1 wherein, at least a version of some of said bowling information associated with an individual bowler is sent on command to said data base.

13. A method for sending bowling scoring information associated with identification information to an internet-accessible data base comprising:

providing a user interface, having an input and an output, said input adapted to receive identification information associated with an individual bowler;

providing a pin setter data generator, having an input communicating with the output of said user interface, which automatically ascertains bowling scoring information associated with an individual bowler;

automatically passing at least a version of some of said bowling scoring information associated with said identification information to a computer; and

passing at least a version of some of said bowling scoring information associated with said identification information without having to manually input said version into said computer.